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SUBJECT: BELGIAN DEMARCHE ON HORN OF AFRICA MEETING

1. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN COOPERATION (DE SCHOUTHEETE) CALLED JANUARY 25 TO INFORM US THAT BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CALL ON AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE CONCERNING THE MEETING IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK OF SELECTED ALLIES ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA. DE SCHOUTHEETE SAID THAT THE AMBASSADOR WOULD FIRST SEEK CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT TRANSPIRED AT THAT MEETING CONCERNING AN AREA THAT IS OF IMPORTANCE TO BELGIUM AND HER EUROPEAN PARTNERS. SECONDLY, THE AMBASSADOR WILL ASK MR. MOOSE WHY "A SELECTION" OF U.S.'S ALLIES WAS INVITED TO THAT MEETING AND NOT BELGIUM OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DANISH EC PRESIDENCY. DE SCHOUTHEETE SAID THAT BELGIUM WAS "NOT GOING TO MAKE A BIG THING"

ABOUT THE "SELECTIVE EXCLUSION" OF SOME OF THE ALLIES,
BUT WANTED THE U.S. TO KNOW THAT "COOPERATION IS A TWO-
WAY STREET" AND THAT IT IS "ILLOGICAL" FOR THE U.S.
TO EXPECT THE EC-9 TO KEEP THE U.S. INFORMED OF ITS
DELIBERATIONS AND PASS ON INFORMATION, AND THEN TURN
AROUND AND EXCLUDE THE NINE FROM A MEETING ON A PROBLEM
AREA OF IMPORTANCE TO THEM.

2. DE SCHOUTHEETE, WHO DIRECTED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S
EFFORT DURING THE RECENT BELGIAN EC PRESIDENCY, TOLD US
THAT THE BELGIAN DEMARCHE IN WASHINGTON WAS AN INITIA-
TIVE UNCOORDINATED WITH BELGIUM'S EC PARTNERS, BUT THAT
BELGIUM WOULD RAISE THE ISSUE IN COPENHAGEN JANUARY 26
AT THE AFRICAN WORKING GROUP MEETING. OLSEN

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